

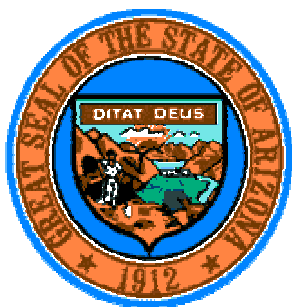
The Navajo Nation
Department of Child Support Enforcement



Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families
Office of Child Support Enforcement



Partnership Agreement
September 28, 2001



Arizona



New Mexico



Utah

**The Navajo Nation
Department of Child Support Enforcement
Administration for Children & Families (ACF)
West-Central Hub**

**Partnership Agreement Ceremony
Window Rock, Arizona
September 28, 2001**



8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Ceremony at the Navajo Nation Museum

**Traditional Blessing
Welcome, Invocation & Remarks**

***Honorable Linda Eaton, The Navajo Nation
Leon R. McCowan, Regional Hub Director,
West-Central Hub***

***Honorable Kelsey Begaye, President of The
Navajo Nation***

***Frank Fuentes, Acting Commissioner, Office of
Child Support Enforcement***

Presentation of Awards

Signing of Partnership Proclamation

12:00 noon Lunch at the Navajo Nation Inn



The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement

Mission Statement

To assist custodial parents so their children will be able to receive their basic human needs of economic and medical support. To ensure services are effectively and expeditiously provided so children receive the needed services pertaining to child support and medical support to which they are entitled.

Goals

- **To provide effective child support services to stabilize and nourish Navajo families.**
- **To educate parents of their equal financial responsibilities to their children.**





The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement

The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement (NNDCSE) is located within the Navajo Nation Executive Branch under the Division of Human Resources. The NNDCSE is currently operating its own Child Support Enforcement Program and is in its sixth year of operation. This is possible through a cooperative agreement between the Navajo Nation and the states of Arizona and New Mexico. State and Federal funds have continuously funded this project as a cooperative effort. The Navajo Nation, states of Arizona and New Mexico, and the Office of Child Support Enforcement have been working together to eliminate jurisdictional barriers which have prevented the provision of state-wide child support enforcement services to all citizens, primarily those citizens living within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation.

Under this project, the Navajo Nation has two offices within the New Mexico portion of the Reservation (Shiprock and Crownpoint) and one office within the Arizona portion of the Navajo Nation (Chinle). NNDCSE provides Title IV-D services such as locating absent parents, establishing paternity, establishing support and support orders, collecting child support, modifying existing support orders, and establishing and enforcing medical support orders to all eligible applicants seeking child support enforcement services. TANF and non-TANF applicants are eligible for services under this project.

Since the cooperative agreement was signed, the Navajo Nation has made tremendous progress in developing and implementing the NNDCSE. The Navajo Nation has enacted laws which comply with Title IV-D requirements such as the Navajo Nation Child Support Enforcement Act (Act) which enables the program to administratively perform Title IV-D functions. The adoption of the Navajo Nation Child Support Guidelines by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court established a scale for minimum child support payments. The NNDCSE program staff also receive referrals from Title IV-A agencies, investigate and work cases to establish paternity, locate absent parents and collect support for families who need child support enforcement services.



The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement

1993

- **Child support enforcement collections in the Navajo Nation were virtually zero.**
- **As a result of concerns regarding the availability of child support services, the Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement (NNDCE) was established under the Division of Navajo Nation Women & Families.**
- **Joint Powers Agreement between Navajo Nation & New Mexico was adopted on December 17, 1993.**



1994

- **Offices in Crownpoint and Shiprock, New Mexico, were established in August 1994.**
- **Ceremonial signing of the first Joint Powers Agreement was held on January 10, 1994, in Window Rock, Arizona.**



The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement

1995

- **Policy and Procedures manual finalized.**



- **The Navajo Nation Child Support Enforcement Act was passed by the Navajo Council on December 14, 1995.**

1996

- **The Navajo Nation Child Support Guidelines adopted July 1996.**



1997

- **Partnership agreement with the state of New Mexico and the Federal government signed May 1st.**
- **Joint Powers Agreement with Arizona adopted November 1997.**



The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement

1998

- **The Chinle office was established in December.**



- **The NNDCSE became an office in the Division of Human Resources.**

1999

- **West-Central Hub conducted a Y2K contingency review of the NNDCSE.**

2000

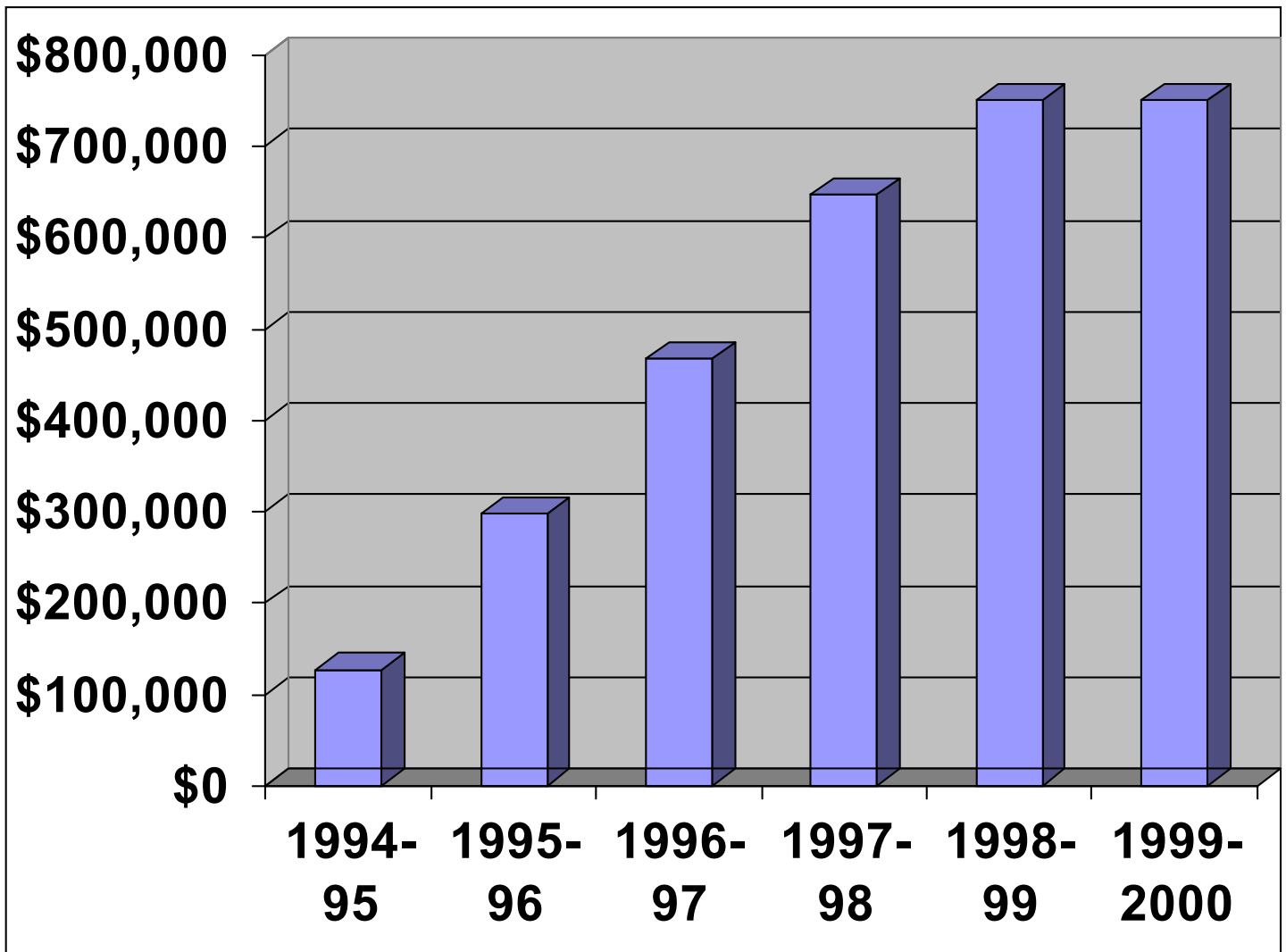
- **NNDCSE applied for direct funding under provisions of Welfare Reform.**



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2000

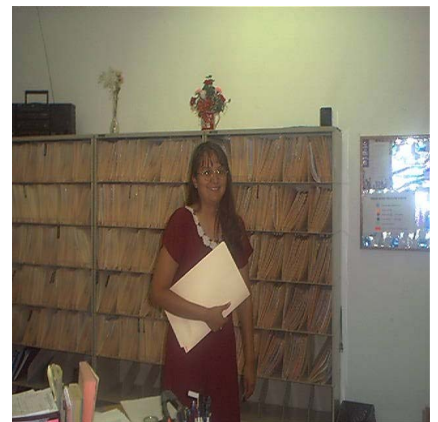
**Collections for NNDCSE
June 1, 1994-June 30, 2000**



The Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Enforcement

2001

- The state of New Mexico appropriated \$100,000 to expand the Crownpoint, New Mexico, offices.
- \$3,347,999.73 was collected during the past three years.
- Current caseload for the Chinle office—8,665; Crownpoint office- 4,333; and Shiprock office – 1,933; for a combined total of 14,931 cases.
- Collections reached \$1,086,195 for the period January 2000 to February 2001.
- Partnership agreement signing ceremony on September 28th.
- Establishment of offices in Tuba City and Fort Defiance and satellite offices in Monument Valley and Gallup scheduled for late 2001.



The Navajo Nation



The Navajo Nation is the largest U.S. federally-recognized Indian Reservation which encompasses a land base of 26,187 square miles and extends into portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The land is predominately desert-life featuring high plateaus interspersed with mountain peaks and mesas and is the homeland of approximately 172,141 enrolled members.

The capital of the Navajo Nation tribal government is located in Window Rock, Arizona, where most programs and services are administratively located. Like state districts, the Navajo Nation is divided into five geographical districts generally referred to as “agencies.” Tuba City Agency, Chinle Agency, and Fort Defiance lie in the Arizona portion of the Navajo Nation. Crownpoint Agency and Shiprock Agency lie in the New Mexico portion of the Navajo Nation. The portion of Shiprock Agency which reaches into the State of Utah is known as the Navajo Utah Strip.

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The Navajo Nation Leadership 1998-2002

**President of the Navajo Nation
Honorable Kelsey A. Begaye**



Kelsey A. Begaye was elected President of the Navajo Nation on November 3, 1998. Prior to his presidency, President Begaye served as a Council Delegate from the Kaibeto Chapter and as Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. President Begaye served in the United States Army and is a Vietnam Veteran (1969-1970). As part of his administration, President Begaye has led the three branch chiefs to set guiding principles: the preservation of language, culture, and traditions and the preservation, the protection, and the enhancement of Navajo sovereignty.

**Vice-President of the Navajo Nation
Honorable Taylor McKenzie, M.D.**



Born in Shiprock, New Mexico, in 1931, Vice-President Taylor McKenzie, M.D. graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, in 1954 and from Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, in 1958. After completing his internship and residency in Orthopedic Surgery in Pontiac, Michigan, Vice-President McKenzie served as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service.

**The Navajo Nation
Department of Child Support Enforcement**

Window Rock, Arizona



**Flora Henderson, Program Director
Roselyn Nelson, Administrative Assistant**



**The Navajo Nation
Department of Child Support Enforcement**

Crownpoint, New Mexico



**Judy Platero, Case Manager
Elsie Martin, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Irby Smith, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Roger Mariano, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Adam Martinez, Data Entry Clerk
Roberta Freeland, Secretary
Chasity Billy, Records Clerk**



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Shiprock, New Mexico

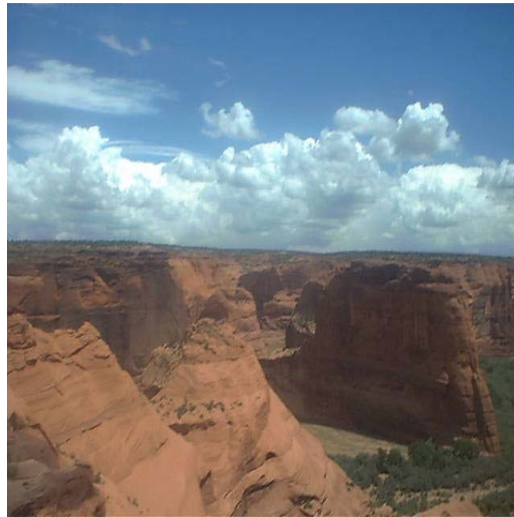


**Ellamae Williams, Case Manager
Bessie Smith, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Vivian Moore, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Janice Etcitty, Data Entry Clerk
Margie Begay, Secretary
Shonna Lee, Records Clerk**



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Chinle, Arizona



**Matilda Klade, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Sadie Billie, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Emma Charley, Child Support Enforcement Officer
Benita Begay, Data Entry Clerk
Colleen Moore, Secretary**



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Crownpoint Chapter House
- Grand opening of the Crownpoint office
- Leon McCowan, Regional Hub Director, West-Central Hub
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- Page 6 Leon McCowan, Regional Hub Director, West-Central Hub; Thomas Atcitty, Navajo Nation Vice President; Anne Donavon, OCSE; Lawrence Dunmore, OCSE; Hugh Galligan, Regional Administrator, ACF-Boston; Bella Ben Henry, Navajo Nation; Flora Henderson, Navajo Nation
- Pierette Baldwin, Navajo Nation; Leon McCowan, Regional Hub Director, West-Central Hub, Richard Heim, Secretary New Mexico Human Services Division; John Pinto, New Mexico Senator
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